

NOTES FROM THE COAST

Matters of Local Interest There.

(Special to the Advertiser.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—As announced before, Honolulu is about to entertain James Pinnock, brother-in-law of Sir Alfred Jones of England, and a well known African explorer. Pinnock will be in Honolulu a few weeks on his way to Samoa, where he intends to make quite a stay. Scientific and literary men in Hawaii will welcome him, as he is regarded by the British government as an authority on African affairs, botanical, ethnological and zoological, as well as a strictly commercial lines.

Fifteen years ago Pinnock, with three other Europeans, was a leading trader among the Afros on the Old Calabar river in Africa. The government gave him a charter similar to that given to East India merchantmen, and the company maintained its retinues of soldiers and officers. A few years ago England gave the company an immense sum of money for their charter. The exact amount was \$4,250,000.

Pinnock has killed many lions in his time, and once saved from instant death between the jaws of a lion, Fred Harvey Major, now of San Francisco. The lion had carried Major several yards, in its mouth, and was about to crush him when Pinnock shot it dead. Pinnock has heard a great deal of the delights of life in Honolulu, and he has plenty of money and leisure, he will undoubtedly find many to go over the ground with him in the Hawaiian capital.

COMING TO LIVE HERE.

C. S. Richardson, one of the members of the Washington Mercantile Company, which owns one wholesale and several retail grocery stores in Honolulu, will return to the Islands in a few days, to take up his residence there. Mr. Richardson lived for five or six years in and about Honolulu, but for some time has been here doing the buying for his company. Now, he will take up the active management of the Washington Mercantile Company, and will become again a personal factor in the business of the Islands. His wife and child will not accompany him on February 27 to Honolulu, but will make a visit of some months' duration to Mrs. Richardson's mother in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Richardson has a wide circle of friends here, in business and in social life, who will regret deeply his absence.

GREENWOOD AND CUPID.

Fred Greenwood will not go as far as Japan, after all, in pursuit of his will. The wif, says Town Talk, Miss Wilson is going to visit the McGraws in Honolulu, and "Freddie," who has been planned to stay over at the Islands, can ask the same old question, "Is the moonlit beach at Waikiki, or is it when the golden moon is round, that they drink Kipling's toast?"

To the cool of our deep verandas,
To the crest of our jeweled main,
To the night, to the music,
And to the fireflies in the cane.

If the moon not move Miss Dill into the garden, she will still be able to yield the kahuna who the charm. These Hawaiian "witch doctors" are a lot of humbug. If Mr. Greenwood finds a love, it is to be hoped that he will not be back with a married couple in the smartest of smiles.

NEW VOCATION.

FRANK UNGER'S NEW VOCATION. Town Talk says of who is well known in New York, who is doing some remarkably fine work in the line. The erstwhile manager of the Gillies was a hand at the pen, and a successful business man. He has done some charming work in colors, and others in black and white. Frank Unger is quite as versatile as his friend Joe Redding, and can write, dance, sing and act with ease. He was always ready with a brush or crayon. It seems rather odd that his ex-wife, Minnie Buchanan, should also be artistic as well as literary. She married Arthur Jules Goodman, the artist, after her divorce from Unger.

HULA AIRS IN FRISCO.

At the Orpheum nine Hawaiian men are nightly entertaining audiences with songs of Hawaii. These are the musicians who were at the Buffalo exposition, and who are managed here by John Wilson. They have had a two weeks' engagement at the Orpheum here, and go from here to the Orpheum in Los Angeles for another fortnight. Then they will return here, and it is probable that four of them will accept engagements to play for society and various theaters, while the others may return to Hawaii.

The four principal singers are Tony Zablan, Joe Kulelia, July Paka, and Charles Baker. Baker is a cousin of Deputy High Sheriff Charles Chillingworth. Baker was formerly on the police force of Honolulu. The others who make up the troupe are W. Aloha, W. Macomber, Richard Reuter, Major Keelakal and David Nape. At the Orpheum they have made a great hit. They appear dressed in white flannel or duck suits, with gorgeous imitation malle filma leis about their necks, and wearing Panama hats

AMENITIES OF THE SENATE



KNOX NOT TO BE FOOLED BY KOHALA DITCH BILL

(Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The Committee on Territories has not yet disposed of the Hawaiian ditch bill, but Chairman Knox made a statement this afternoon to me which indicates the probable action. "We propose," said he, "to grant a general right for this company to construct its ditches across public lands of the Territory, but we shall not confer upon the company the power of eminent domain. That is provided for in the laws of the Territory, and should be sufficient for all purposes. It is not our intention to allow this company nor any other to have a monopoly, but we intend to put in the bill such a provision as will allow other owners along the route of the ditch to tap it for water at a compensation to be agreed upon between the two parties interested. If they cannot agree we propose to allow the courts to settle the figure."

"The Hawaiian Ditch Company," continued Mr. Knox, "came to us with plans to develop an enormous project. The paid-up capital of the company is \$1000, which would hardly be enough to pay the expenses of Mr. J. T. McCrosson here this winter in the interest of the bill. There is provision in its incorporation, however, for an increase of the capital stock to \$5,000,000. Just think of that! It would enable the company to create a great monopoly out there in the use of this water."

"Two rival companies have appeared before our committee," added Mr. Knox, "and Mr. McCrosson made some pretty strong charges the other day in the committee again Mr. Gehr, who has organized a company from Chicago. We want to grant some general authority to the Hawaiian Ditch Company to go ahead with its work and develop the country there, but it has looked to me as though the company was formed and developed for the purpose of selling out to the highest bidder, as soon as authority is given from Congress to construct the ditch. We don't want to be party to any grand schemes of that character."

Mr. Knox does not speak very encouragingly of other Hawaiian bills before his committee. Introduced by Delegate Wilcox and urged by home rulers. He spoke in a rather disparaging tone of that party but added that the county and school bills were resting quietly because there was nobody to push them. "Wilcox may be given a hearing by and by," continued Mr. Knox; "if he

desires to be heard, but we shall surely wait until after he is able to come here and speak for himself as to those measures."

One of the greatest struggles the Ways and Means Committee has had for a decade has been agitating the republican members thereof this week. It is over the Cuban relief proposition. The only republicans on the committee who favor any concessions whatever are Representatives Long of Kansas, McCall of Massachusetts, and Hopkins of Illinois. The prolonged conferences of this week will probably result in some agreement within three or four days. Chairman Payne was the first to yield and Representative Steele of Indiana at this writing is showing signs of giving in. It is the determined efforts of the President that is forcing the republicans to action.

The outcome on the floor of the House will be interesting as it remains to be seen how effectively the President can whip the large number of recalcitrants into line. A straight reciprocity scheme for 40 per cent reduction in the Dingley rates on all Cuban products coming to this country when Cuba is prepared to allow as similar advantage in our shipments to the island, seems to be meeting with the greatest favor. A stinging letter which Speaker Henderson recently wrote to one of his constituents in Iowa and which has been made public, followed by editorial comments, has stirred up renewed contention. His strictures on the press have been severely rebuked in ringing editorials, among other papers censuring the Speaker for his intemperate language being the Chicago Tribune.

The House passed on Feb. 21 the bill for the relief of Edward R. Stackable, collector of customs at Honolulu, for the loss of three gold certificates, worth \$10,000 each, which went down with the ill-fated steamer, the Jandro. There was no debate on the bill, which was presented by Mr. Gaff, chairman of the Committee on Claims. There is little doubt that the bill will be passed by the Senate, and soon become a law. Mr. Stackable is required to give security to the government against loss, should the certificates ever be presented, in double the amount of their face value.

The House has also passed without debate the bill to provide American registry for the bark Hawaii. The bill passed the Senate some weeks ago. It will undoubtedly become law within a few days.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

THE PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL

The Executive Council was occupied yesterday with matters of finance. The end of this month is the close of the quarterly period for which a pro rata allowance was made to all departments in order that the money now in the public treasury may suffice for the entire year. The indications are that the plan of economy enforced by Governor Dole will be in every way successful. The cut to be made in the appropriations for the next quarterly period will not need to be so large as upon the first pro rata, which was much in the nature of an experiment. It has been found now that by keeping all expenditures within the proper limit, all required work may be easily accomplished, and all necessary improvements made without imperiling the financial condition of the Territory treasury. Supt. Boyd stated after the meeting yesterday that the plan was working well, and that there would be no difficulty in providing for all expenditures until the close of the year, or until the tax levies for the present year become available in November. At the next meeting the new pro rata scale for all departments for the coming three months will probably be adopted.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

The Mackay Company Favored by the Merchants' Exchange

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The board of directors of the Merchants' Exchange, as the representative of the principal commercial organization of San Francisco, has adopted resolutions in regard to the construction of a telegraph cable between the mainland of the United States and Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

It is to the effect that the Merchants' Exchange desires to make known its deep concern that the project of a Pacific cable is in danger of being delayed, and takes this method of urging the United States Senators and Representatives from the Pacific coast to use all lawful means to obtain for private enterprise the right to construct a cable at its own expense, and prevent any obstructive legislation which can only result in indefinitely postponing a project of so vital interest to the Pacific coast, to all the United States and to its insular possessions.

Off San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—The tugboat Defiance, returning yesterday from a search for the disabled bark Franciscan d'Amboise, spoke the bark C. D. Bryant Monday night at 7 o'clock, off the North Farallone island, heading for this port. At 1 o'clock yesterday morning, thirty miles southwest of the North Farallone island, the tug spoke the British bark Himalaya, from Lahaina for San Francisco.

THE METEOR LAUNCHED

Prince Henry Gets the Freedom of City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The all-important event in the itinerary of Prince Henry of Prussia today was the launching of the schooner yacht Meteor, built at Shooter's Island for the Prince's brother, the German Emperor. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, in the presence of the President, the Prince, German Ambassador Von Holleben and a brilliant assembly.

After the ceremony, which did not run altogether smoothly, the Prince called on the Mayor and received the freedom of the city.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Prince Henry was gorgeously entertained at the Waldorf Astoria by the leading editors of the United States. Many eminent men outside the realm of journalism were present, and Whitelaw Reid made an elaborate speech, as did Charles Emory Smith and Charles W. Knapp. Prince Henry spoke as follows:

"Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen: I am fully aware of the fact that I am the guest and in the presence of representatives of the press of the United States, and in particular the guest of the New York Staats Zeitung, both of which I wish to thank for the kind invitation and reception I have met with tonight.

"Before entering into details I should like you all to understand that I consider this meeting, though it may be looked upon as official, as a private one, and that it is my wish that none of you will take advantage of what is said or spoken after leaving this table.

"Undoubtedly the press of our day is a factor, if not a power, which cannot be neglected, and which I should like to compare with ever so many submarine mines which may blow up in many cases in the most unexpected manner; but your own naval history teaches us not to mind mines, should they ever be in our way. The language used on this memorable occasion was stronger than I would venture to reproduce here tonight. I need only mention the name of Farragut.

"Another comparison might be more to your taste, gentlemen, and in fact, more complimentary; it is one which his majesty, the Emperor, used before I left. He said: 'You will meet many members of the press, and I wish you, therefore, to keep in mind that the press men in the United States rank almost with my generals in command.' It will interest you, I know, to learn something about the nature of my mission to this country.

"His majesty, the Emperor, has minutely studied the recent and rapid development of the United States, and his majesty is well aware of the fact that yours is a fast-moving nation. His sending me to this country, therefore, may be looked upon as an act of friendship and courtesy, with the one desire of promoting friendly relations between Germany and the United States. Should you be willing to grasp a proffered hand, you will find such a one on the other side of the Atlantic ocean."

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Official circles are highly pleased with the reception to Prince Henry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The second chapter in the national capital's welcome to Prince Henry of Prussia began today. Arriving at 9 o'clock this morning, he and his suite at noon attended the McKinley memorial services at the Capitol, and at their conclusion made a flying visit to pay tribute to Washington at Mount Vernon. He will be the guest of President Roosevelt at a dinner at the White House this evening. The weather this forenoon was delightful.

Tillman and McLaurin.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The Senate is in a quandary as to what to do with Tillman and McLaurin. The Committee on Privileges and Elections spent practically the entire day in consideration of the case, and when the members separated they had not reached a conclusion concerning the nature or extent of the punishment which should be inflicted on the belligerent South Carolina members. In the meantime the Senate is marking time awaiting a decision. It is felt that no other business should be transacted until this matter is disposed of.

Jersey Wars on Mosquitoes.

NEW YORK, February 26.—The New Jersey Assembly after a long and humorous debate has passed the mosquito extermination bill by a vote of 48 to 9. The bill appropriates \$10,000 to the State experiment station for the purpose of making a scientific investigation of the habits, origin and breeding places of the mosquito and their relation to malarial and other diseases.

Warren Repairs.

Early yesterday morning the stump of the transport Warren's broken propeller blade was removed and by today it is hoped that the new blade will have been put in place. Special gear to handle the heavy mass of metal was erected on the wharf yesterday. The hub of the screw is still under water, which makes the work of screwing on the new blade both difficult and tedious.